

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Claim 1. A method of playing a card game comprising:

- a) displaying a first hand of at least five cards all face up;
- b) a player selecting which cards of the initial hand are to be held in the first hand and which cards are to be discarded from the first hand;
- c) displaying the discarded cards from the first hand in a second hand;
- d) displaying additional cards in the first hand resulting in a first final hand and determining the poker hand ranking of the first final hand;
- e) displaying additional cards in the second hand to form a final second hand determining the poker hand ranking of the resulting cards of the final second hand.

Claim 2. The method of claim 1 further including the steps of:

- a) the player making a first wager that is applied to

the first hand and a second wager that is applied to the second hand;

b) paying the player a pre-established amount based on the amount of the first wager if the resulting cards of the final first hand comprise a predetermined poker hand ranking; and

c) paying the player a pre-established amount based on the amount of the second wager if the resulting cards of the final second hand comprise a predetermined poker hand ranking.

Claim 3. The method of Claim 1 further including the steps of:

a) the player making a wager that is allocated between the first hand and the second hand;

b) paying the player a pre-established amount based on the amount of the wager allocated to the first hand if the resulting cards of the final first hand comprise a predetermined poker hand ranking; and

c) paying the player a pre-established amount based on

the amount of the wager allocated to the second hand if the resulting cards of the final second hand comprise a predetermined poker hand ranking.

Claim 4. The method of Claim 1 in which the final first hand has five cards and the final second has five cards.

Claim 5. A method of playing a card game comprising:

- a) displaying a first hand of a plurality of cards all face up;
- b) a player selecting which cards of the initial hand are to be held in the first hand and which cards are to be discarded from the first hand;
- c) displaying the discarded cards from the first hand in a second hand;
- d) displaying additional cards in the first hand resulting in a first final hand and determining the poker hand ranking of the first final hand;
- e) displaying additional cards in the second hand to form a final second hand determining the poker hand ranking

of the resulting cards of the final second hand.

Claim 6. The method of claim 5 further including the steps of:

a) the player making a first wager that is applied to the first hand and a second wager that is applied to the second hand;

b) paying the player a pre-established amount based on the amount of the first wager if the resulting cards of the final first hand comprise a predetermined poker hand ranking; and

c) paying the player a pre-established amount based on the amount of the second wager if the resulting cards of the final second hand comprise a predetermined poker hand ranking.

Claim 7. The method of Claim 5 further including the steps of:

a) the player making a wager that is allocated between the first hand and the second hand;

- b) paying the player a pre-established amount based on the amount of the wager allocated to the first hand if the resulting cards of the final first hand comprise a predetermined poker hand ranking; and
- c) paying the player a pre-established amount based on the amount of the wager allocated to the second hand if the resulting cards of the final second hand comprise a predetermined poker hand ranking.

Claim 8. The method of Claim 5 in which the first hand has at least three cards.

Claim 9 The method of Claim 5 in which the final first hand has at least three cards and the final second has at least three cards.